

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 1, 2005. Claims 1 to 10, 15 to 24 and 29 remain pending in the application, with Claims 11 to 14, 25 to 28 and 30 (the non-elected claims) having been cancelled. Claims 1, 6, 15, 20 and 29 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action maintained the restriction requirement and made it "final". Thus, Claims 11 to 14, 25 to 28 and 30 were withdrawn from further consideration and Applicant has cancelled the non-elected claims herein.

The title was objected to as allegedly being non-descriptive. A new title has been provided for as recited above. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The specification was been objected for typographical errors. The specification has been amended giving due consideration to the points noted in the Office Action. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The abstract was objected to. The abstract has been amended to address the issues raised in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Figures 12 to 15 were objected to for not including a prior art label. Replacement Sheets for Figures 12 to 15 are being submitted herewith.

Claims 1 to 10, 15 to 24 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The language in question has been deleted and/or amended and therefore, the rejections are believed to be obviated. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 10, 15 to 24 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,199,079 (Gupta). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns using service provided by different service providing devices. According to the invention, a user device acquires a first service object and a second service object, respectively, from first and second service providing devices. User information is set in the second service object and the second service object with the set user information held therein is transferred to the first service providing device. The first service providing device then uses a service of the second service providing device based on the transferred second service object with the held user information.

With specific reference to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is an information processing system including a user device, a first service providing device and a second service providing device, wherein said user device comprises acquisition means for acquiring a first service object and a second service object via a network, the first service object being used for a service provided from said first service providing device, and the second service object being used for a service provided from said second service providing device, setting means for setting user information in the second service object acquired by said acquisition means, the second service object holding the set user information, and transfer means for transferring the second service object holding the user information set by said setting means to said first service providing device, and wherein said first service providing device comprises service use means for using a service of the second service providing device based on the second service object holding the user information, the second service object being transferred from said transfer means.

Amended independent Claim 6 is directed to the user terminal and includes features substantially corresponding to Claim 1, while Claims 15 and 20 are method claims substantially corresponding to Claims 1 and 6, respectively, and Claim 29 is a computer-readable memory medium claim that also substantially corresponds to Claim 6.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the present invention, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of a user device acquiring a first service object and a second service object via a network, the first service object being used for a service provided from a first service providing device, and the second service object being used for a service provided from a second service providing device, setting user information in the second service object, the second service object holding the set user information, and transferring the second service object holding the user information to the first service providing device, wherein said first service providing device uses a service of the second service providing device based on the second service object holding the user information.

Gupta is merely seen to disclose that information is automatically input into an order form of a web page using a database that stores user information and form information. However, Gupta is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of a user device acquiring a first service object and a second service object via a network, the first service object being used for a service provided from a first service providing device, and the second service object being used for a service provided from a second service providing device, setting user information in the second service object, the second service object holding the set user information, and transferring the second service object holding the user information to the first service providing device, wherein said first service

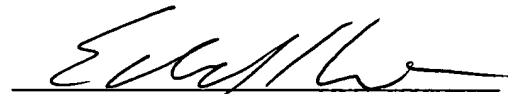
providing device uses a service of the second service providing device based on the second service object holding the user information.

Thus, amended independent Claims 1, 6, 15, 20 and 29, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 12 to 15 with the accompanying Replacement Sheets for those drawing figures. Each of the Replacement Sheets have been amended to include a "PRIOR ART" legend.